

place setting was a wood bark boat with red, white, and blue sails, miniature flags of both countries, straw followers, and a Tobler's chocolate bar. Leny Kunz made the center pieces and favors. It was very artistic and beautiful. We were seated with our Swiss relatives. Paul Nielson was spokesman and soon had everyone relaxed and having a good time enjoying a delicious ham dinner; each had a choice of a variety of drinks. We visited as best we could through an interpreter, learning a little Swiss and they learning a little English. The program started after dinner. The Master of Ceremony spoke both Swiss and English. A lively Swiss musical group danced, sang and played musical instruments. The Swiss relatives yodeled and danced native dances. A girls trio sang. Joni Kennett played the guitar and sang. Dori Wampfler, her son, Kobi, and her daughter, Annaroesli, sang and yodeled. The relatives from America sang "America, the Beautiful", and "Come, Come Ye Saints."

The oldest member of the Kunz family attending was Uncle Armien (84 years). Both he and Uncle Arnold Kunz were honored. Uncle Arnold's son, Arnold, spoke to us in English and expressed thanks in behalf of the Swiss Kunz cousins. Uncle George Kunz spoke, representing the American Kunz cousins. The American cousins sang the last number, "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again." The remainder of the evening was spent dancing and visiting. All evening Anna Mani of Untre/Blatten sat tapping her feet to the rhythm of the lively music. She mentioned to someone that she loved to dance. Walter Buhler asked her to dance with him. By the happy look on her face, I'm sure he will be her friend for life.

We didn't get back to the Swiss Chalet until long after midnight. This evening was a success beyond our fondest dreams. The barrier between the Swiss and American Kunz families had been broken. One hundred and sixty-five Kunz relatives attended the Reunion. Thirty-five from America, forty descendants from the Russian Kunz family and ninety descendants from the Kunz family remaining in Switzerland.